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Our Case No. 5404/166

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Akio Taniguchi et al. )  
Application No.: 10/587,496 ) Examiner: Jeffrey C. Mullis  
Filing Date: July 27, 2006 ) Group Art Unit: 1796  
Title: THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER ) Confirmation No. 8335  
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ARTICLE )

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 24, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: